

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on January 12, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. A. Knudsen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 79, 1/5/2017; HB 136, 1/5/2017; HB 155, 1/5/2017

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:54 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 79, Modify when a military member may be turned over to civil authorities for trial.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:17 Major General Matt Quinn, Montana National Guard, Montana Department of Military Affairs (MTDMA)

[EXHIBIT\(sth09a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:04 Mike Talia, Montana National Guard, Montana Department of Military Affairs (MTDMA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:36 Rep. Karjala

00:07:22 Major General Matt Quinn, MTDMA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:28 Rep. Curdy

HEARING ON HB 136

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:20 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 136, Actuarial funding for the Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' Retirement System.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:38 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

00:12:29 William Holahan, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

00:13:04 Rep. Bachmeier joined meeting

00:16:11 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association- Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

[EXHIBIT\(sth09a02\)](#)

00:19:37 George Golie, Montana Game Warden Association (MGWA)

00:22:05 Tom Fulton, Montana Federation of Probation and Parol Local 4464, Montana Education Association, Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:23:55 Dave Harris, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT), Montana State Prison Local 4700

00:25:03 Velma Paull, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:27:16 Joseph Dompier, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:28:17 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:59	Rep. Garner
00:30:38	William Holahan, MPERA
00:31:06	Rep. Garner
00:31:44	William Holahan, MPERA
00:31:51	Rep. Garner
00:31:56	William Holahan, MPERA
00:32:00	Rep. Greef
00:32:36	William Holahan, MPERA
00:32:52	Chair Mandeville
00:32:59	George Golie, MGWA
00:33:32	Rep. Bennett
00:34:07	William Holahan, MPERA
00:35:00	Rep. Bachmeier
00:35:24	William Holahan, MPERA
00:36:11	Rep. Skees
00:36:43	William Holahan, MPERA
00:36:55	Rep. Skees
00:37:05	George Golie, MGWA
00:37:54	Rep. Skees
00:38:06	Dore Schwinden, MPERA
00:38:38	Rep. Hayman
00:39:15	George Golie, MGWA
00:40:43	Rep. Skees
00:41:20	William Holahan, MPERA
00:42:11	Rep. Skees
00:42:48	William Holahan, MPERA
00:42:59	Rep. Garner
00:43:48	Dave Harris, MEA-MFT
00:44:06	Rep. Garner
00:44:16	Dave Harris, MEA-MFT
00:44:32	Rep. Bachmeier
00:45:09	Dore Schwinden, MPERA
00:45:45	Rep. Bachmeier
00:45:56	Chair Mandeville
00:46:16	Dore Schwinden, MPERA
00:46:45	Chair Mandeville
00:46:56	Dore Schwinden, MPERA
00:47:38	Chair Mandeville
00:47:53	Dore Schwinden, MPERA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:03	Rep. Custer
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HEARING ON HB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:20 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 155, Eliminate election day as state holiday.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:09:04 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)
01:12:14 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
01:13:11 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)
01:17:17 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:18:41 Bradley Seaman, Missoula County Elections Department
01:21:40 David Harris, Montana State Prison Local 4700, MEA-MFT
01:22:26 Kaitlyn Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
01:23:18 Tom Fulton, Montana Federation of Probation and Parol Local 4464
01:24:47 Sheena Wilson, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:43 Rep. McKamey
01:26:18 Bradley Seaman, Missoula County Elections Department
01:27:53 Rep. Webb
01:28:21 Kaitlyn Westhoff, (MontPIRG)
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01:28:54 Kaitlyn Westhoff, (MontPIRG)
01:29:11 Rep. Webb
01:29:28 Rep. Karjala
01:30:11 Linda Stoll, (MACR)
01:30:42 Rep. Custer
01:31:03 Sheryl Wood, (MACo)
01:31:24 Rep. Skees
01:32:49 Rep. Hertz
01:33:47 Chair Mandeville
01:34:10 Rep. Hertz
01:34:40 Chair Mandeville
01:34:56 Tom Schneider, (MPEA)
01:35:38 Chair Mandeville
01:36:10 Tom Schneider, (MPEA)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:52 Rep. Hertz

ADJOURNMENT

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01:38:23

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth09aad.pdf](#))